

WHAT TO DO SHOULD CASTRO FALL?

**Cuban Exiles Bemoan
Lack of U. S. Strategy**

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As Congress adjourned, the White House distributed a memo to Democratic senators and representatives detailing the policies and accomplishments of the Kennedy Administration. Under a section titled "Latin America" were the words:

"Objective . . . Isolate communism and Castroism."

The tactics?

It has become apparent that the Administration hopes Fidel Castro's Cuban house of cards will fall of its own weight.

"Cuba" is a dirty word around the White House. Officials are doing their best to forget how they huffed and puffed, but failed to blow anything away during last April's abortive invasion attempt.

But hope for Castro's ouster is returning, and is apparently based on the increasing press reports of civil unrest in Cuba.

NO ONE PLAY

Amid the prevailing optimism, however, there is no evidence of a U. S. strategy in the event Castro does fall. There also is no evidence of a united front for the thousands of Cuban refugees in the U. S. Their ranks are splintered with 12 factions vying for U. S. alliance.

Informed exiles have said that a witch's brew is

boiling on the Caribbean island. They point to underground terrorism, food shortages, executions, anti-government demonstrations, the deportation of Catholic priests and the bishop of Havana, further curtailment of travel.

If Castro does not get some of these problems off the fire, the exiles say, the situation could boil over.

"And what then?" they ask. They warn that the United States and the feuding exile groups may be caught further off base than they were when Dictator Fulgencio Batista fled Havana.

Since the April invasion attempt, the U. S. has followed a "hands off" policy toward Cuba. It has curtailed programs involving exiles and there is no evidence of a direct link with the underground, despite Castro's ravings about "CIA plots."

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The rise of this underground concerns many of the exiles. U. S. officials admit they know little, if anything about the leaders and their motives.

Richard Goodwin, a Latin American adviser to President Kennedy, believes the next leader of Cuba is a political "unknown."

"We hope he's not unknown because he hasn't been born," growled one disgruntled exile.

Others, however, center their criticism on the passive American strategy; they urge active support for the underground.

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